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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful and thorough examination of the present application, for indicating that dependent Claims 43-45 and 48-50 recite patentable subject matter, and for extending all courtesies during a telephonic interview of November 4, 2008.

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 41, 46, 51 and 53 over Nykerk in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art, Voss, or Leen et al., and further in view of Hwang '407, Hwang '697, and Issa et al., and separately over Boreham in view of Nykerk, and further in view of Hwang '407, Hwang '697, and Issa et al. During the telephonic interview, Applicant proposed amending independent Claims 41, 46, 51, and 53 to more clearly define the claimed invention over the applied prior art.

Applicant has amended these independent claims as proposed during the telephonic interview and submits that the cited prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest the recitations of independent Claims 41, 46, 51, and 53. Applicant notes that support for these amendments to independent Claims 41, 51 and 46, 53 are found in Figures 10 and 11, respectively. Applicant has also amended dependent Claims 43 and 48 for consistency.

In the Second Examiner's Answer of November 15, 2006, the Examiner indicated that then pending dependent Claims 9-11 recited patentable subject matter. Applicant has added new independent Claim 55, which represents the patentable subject matter of former dependent Claim 9.

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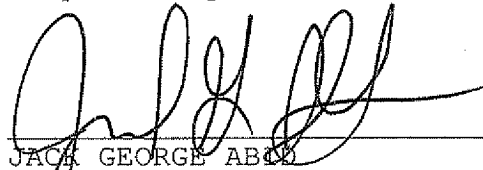
Applicant has also added new independent Claims 65, 73, and 80, which correspond to former independent Claims 12, 30, and 37, respectively, but with the inclusion of the patentable subject matter of former dependent Claim 9. Therefore, amended independent Claims 41, 46, 51, and 53 and new independent Claims 55, 65, 73, and 80 are patentable. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art and require no further discussion herein.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the new claims presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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